

ORDINANCE NO. 20120628-137

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REQUEST BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY, SOUTH TEXAS DIVISION, TO IMPLEMENT THE MARCH 29, 2012 GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FILING PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS UTILITIES CODE § 104.301.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. On March 29, 2012, CenterPoint Energy made a Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) filing with the City that would allow CenterPoint Energy to recover capital investments in gas pipeline infrastructure made during the interim period between formal rate case filings.

PART 2. CenterPoint Energy originally proposed an effective date of May 29, 2012 for the interim rate adjustment.

PART 3. By City Ordinance No. 20120308-030 pursuant to Section 104.301(a) of the Texas Utilities Code, the City suspended implementation of the interim rate adjustment in order to review and consider the supporting documentation filed by CenterPoint Energy.

PART 4. The City has completed its review of CenterPoint Energy's 2012 interim rate adjustment and has determined that it meets the statutory requirements of Section 104.301 of the Texas Utilities Code.

PART 5. The interim rate adjustment filing and Rate Schedules attached hereto as Exhibit A are approved to take effect on or after the proposed effective date of July 13, 2012.

PART 6. This ordinance takes effect on July 9, 2012.

PASSED AND APPROVED

June 28, 2012

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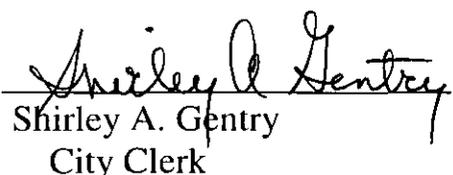
Lee Leffingwell
Mayor

APPROVED:



Karen M. Kennard
City Attorney

ATTEST:



Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk

Exhibit A

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP.
D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX
AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS
SOUTH TEXAS DIVISION
RATE SHEET
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE
RATE SCHEDULE NO. R-2085**

APPLICATION OF SCHEDULE

This schedule is applicable to any customer to whom service is supplied in a single private dwelling unit and its appurtenances, the major use of which is for household appliances, and for the personal comfort and convenience of those residing therein.

Natural gas supplied hereunder is for the individual use of the customer at one point of delivery and shall not be resold or shared with others.

MONTHLY RATE

For bills rendered on and after the effective date of this rate schedule, the monthly rate for each customer receiving service under this rate schedule shall be the sum of the following:

(a) The Base Rate consisting of:

(1) Customer Charge – \$13.95

(2) Commodity Charge --

For customers billed at a 14.65 Pressure Base:

All Ccf @ 14.65 \$0.2180

For customers billed at a 14.95 Pressure Base:

All Ccf @ 14.95 \$0.2225

(b) Tax Adjustment – The Tax Adjustment will be calculated and adjusted periodically as defined in the Company's applicable Tax Adjustment Rate Schedule and applicable Franchise Fee Adjustment Rate Schedule.

(c) Gas Cost Adjustment – The applicable Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Rate -- as calculated on a per Ccf basis and adjusted periodically under the applicable Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Rate Schedule -- for all gas used.

PAYMENT

Due date of the bill for service shall not be less than 15 days after issuance or such other period of time as may be provided by order of the regulatory authority. A bill for utility service is delinquent if unpaid by the due date.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Service under this schedule shall be furnished in accordance with the Company's General Rules and Regulations, as such rules may be amended from time to time. A copy of the Company's General Rules and Regulations may be obtained from Company's office located at 1111 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas.

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RATE SHEET
GENERAL SERVICE-SMALL
RATE SCHEDULE NO. GSS-2085**

APPLICATION OF SCHEDULE

This schedule is applicable to natural gas service to any customer engaging in any business, professional or institutional activity, for all uses of gas, including cooking, heating, refrigeration, water heating, air conditioning, and power.

This schedule is applicable to any general service customer for commercial uses and industrial uses, except standby service, whose average monthly usage for the prior calendar year is 150,000 cubic feet or less. Natural gas supplied hereunder is for the individual use of the customer at one point of delivery and shall not be resold or shared with others.

MONTHLY RATE

For bills rendered on and after the effective date of this rate schedule, the monthly rate for each customer receiving service under this rate schedule shall be the sum of the following:

(a) The Base Rate consisting of:

(1) Customer Charge – \$ 20.00

(2) Commodity Charge –

For customers billed at a 14.65 Pressure Base:

All Ccf @ 14.65 \$0.1046

For customers billed at a 14.95 Pressure Base:

All Ccf @ 14.95 \$0.1067

(b) Tax Adjustment – The Tax Adjustment will be calculated and adjusted periodically as defined in the Company's applicable Tax Adjustment Rate Schedule and applicable Franchise Fee Adjustment Rate Schedule.

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GENERAL SERVICE-LARGE VOLUME
RATE SCHEDULE NO. GSLV-616**

AVAILABILITY

This schedule is available at points on existing facilities of adequate capacity and suitable pressure in the area designated in the Rate Book of **CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS** (hereinafter called "Company").

APPLICATION OF SCHEDULE

This schedule is applicable to any general service customer for commercial uses and industrial uses whose average monthly usage for the prior calendar year is more than 150,000 cubic feet. Gas supplied hereunder is for the individual use of the Consumer at one point of delivery and shall not be resold or shared with others. If the Consumer has a written contract with Company, the terms and provision of such contract shall be controlling.

MONTHLY RATE

For bills rendered on and after the effective date of this rate schedule, the monthly rate for each customer receiving service under this rate schedule shall be the sum of the following:

(a) The Base Rate consisting of:

(1) Customer Charge -- \$100.00

(2) Commodity Charge --

All Ccf @ \$0.0412

(b) Tax Adjustment -- The Tax Adjustment will be calculated and adjusted periodically as defined in the Company's applicable Tax Adjustment Rate Schedule and applicable Franchise Fee Adjustment Rate Schedule.

(c) Gas Cost Adjustment -- The applicable Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Rate -- as calculated on a per Mcf basis and adjusted periodically under the applicable Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Rate Schedule -- for all gas used.

WRITTEN CONTRACT

In order to receive a delivery from Company of more than 25 Mcf during any one day, the Consumer must execute a written contract with Company on Company's form of contract covering the sale of gas by Company to it. In the case of existing Consumers, the maximum gas usage during any one day shall be obtained from the records of the Company, except in cases where the existing Consumer will be purchasing increased volumes of gas from Company because of expansions or for any other reasons, in which event the Company may estimate usage by such Consumer. Also in the case of new Consumers, the Company may estimate usage by the Consumer. Any such estimates made by Company shall be binding on Consumer in determining whether or not a contract is required. Such written contract shall be executed by Consumer upon request of Company and Company shall not be obligated to serve any such Consumer more than 25 Mcf during any one day until such written contract is executed and delivered by Consumer.

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MEASUREMENT

The term "cubic foot of gas" for the purpose of measurement of the gas delivered and for all other purposes is the amount of gas necessary to fill a cubic foot of space when the gas is at an absolute pressure of 14.65 pounds per square inch and at a base temperature of sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit.

The term "Mcf" shall mean 1,000 cubic feet of gas.

The Sales Unit shall be one Mcf.

Assumed Atmospheric Pressure - The average atmospheric pressure shall be assumed to be fourteen and seven-tenths (14.7) pounds per square inch, irrespective of actual elevation or location of the point of delivery above sea level or variation in such atmospheric pressure from time to time.

Orifice Meters - When orifice meters are used for the measurement of gas, such orifice meters shall be constructed and installed, and the computations of volume made, in accordance with the provisions of Gas Measurement Committee Report No. 3 of the American Gas Association as revised September, 1969 ("A.G.A. Report No. 3), with any subsequent amendments or revisions which may be mutually acceptable.

The temperature of the gas shall be determined by a recording thermometer so installed that it may record the temperature of the gas flowing through the meter or meters. The average of the record to the nearest one (1) degree Fahrenheit, obtained while gas is being delivered, shall be the applicable flowing gas temperature for the period under consideration.

The specific gravity of the gas shall be determined by a recording gravitometer owned and operated by the pipeline company from whom Company purchases its gas, so installed that it may record the specific gravity of the gas flowing through the meter or meters; provided, however, that the results of spot tests made by the pipeline company with a standard type specific gravity instrument shall be used at locations where the pipeline company does not have a recording gravitometer in service. If the recording gravitometer is used, the average of the record to the nearest one-thousandth (0.001), obtained while gas is being delivered, shall be the applicable specific gravity of the gas for the period under consideration. If the spot test method is used, the specific gravity of the gas delivered hereunder shall be determined once monthly, the result obtained, to the nearest one-thousandth (0.001), to be applicable during the succeeding billing month.

Adjustment for the effect of supercompressibility shall be made according to the provisions of A.G.A. Report No. 3, hereinabove identified, for the average conditions of pressure, flowing temperature and specific gravity at which the gas was measured during the period under consideration, and with the proportionate value of each carbon dioxide and nitrogen in the gas delivered included in the computation of the applicable supercompressibility factors. Company shall obtain appropriate carbon dioxide and nitrogen fraction values as may be required from time to time.

Positive Displacement Meters and Turbine Meters - When positive displacement meters and/or turbine meters are used for the measurement of gas, the flowing temperature of the gas metered shall be assumed to be sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit, and no correction shall be made for any variation therefrom; provided however, that company shall have the option of installing a recording thermometer, and if company exercises such option, corrections shall be made for each degree variation in the applicable flowing temperature for the period under consideration.

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The volumes of gas determined shall be adjusted for the effect of supercompressibility as follows:

- (A) When the flowing temperature of gas is assumed to be sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit, the supercompressibility factor shall be the square of the factor, F_{pv} , computed in accordance with the principles of the A.G. A. Report No. 3, hereinabove identified, for a pure hydrocarbon gas of six-tenths (0.6) specific gravity and for the average pressure at which the gas was measured.
- (B) When the flowing gas temperature is recorded and applied according to the option above, the supercompressibility factor shall be the square of the factor, F_{pv} , computed in accordance with the principles of the American Gas Association Gas Measurement Committee Report No. 3, hereinabove identified, for a pure hydrocarbon gas of six-tenths (0.6) specific gravity and for the average conditions of pressure and flowing temperature at which the gas was measured.

SUPPLY INTERRUPTIONS

Total or partial interruption of gas deliveries due to acts of God, the elements, requirements for residential and other uses declared superior to Consumers by law, or to other causes or contingencies beyond the control of Company or not proximately caused by Company's negligence, shall not be the basis for claims-delivery and receipt of gas to be resumed whenever any such cause or contingency shall end.

CHARGES FOR UNAUTHORIZED OVER-RUN GAS

Any gas taken during any day by Consumer which exceeds the maximum daily quantity specified in Consumer's contract with Company shall be considered to be unauthorized over-run gas. Any gas taken by Consumer after the effective hour of an order calling for a complete curtailment of all gas deliveries, and prior to the authorized resumption of natural gas service, hereunder shall be considered to be unauthorized over-run gas. Any gas taken by Consumer after the effective hour of an order calling for a partial curtailment, and prior to the authorized resumption of natural gas service, which exceeds the stated amount of gas deliveries Consumer may take during such partial curtailment, shall be considered to be unauthorized over-run gas. Company shall bill, and Consumer shall pay for unauthorized over-run gas at the rate of \$10.00 per Mcf, in addition to the Monthly Rate specified herein for such gas. The payment of such additional charge for unauthorized over-run gas shall not, under any circumstances, be considered as giving the Consumer the right to take unauthorized over-run gas, nor shall such payment be considered to exclude or limit any other remedies available to Company against the Consumer for exceeding the maximum daily quantity specified in Consumer's contract with Company, or for failure to comply with curtailment orders issued by Company hereunder.

The additional amount specified above charged for unauthorized over-run gas shall be adjusted, either plus or minus, to conform to the change made by Company's supplier in its rate schedule under which Company purchases its gas supply for resale under this schedule.

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RATE SHEET
PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT
RATE SCHEDULE NO. PGA-10**

1. PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT (PGA) APPLICABILITY

The Monthly Rate contained in the Company's total billing to residential and general service customers shall include the cost of natural gas purchased for resale hereunder.

2. RATE CALCULATION

The Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Rate shall be calculated according to the following formula and included in the Monthly Rate:

$$\text{PGA Rate (per Mcf sold)} = [(G * R) \pm DA] \text{ rounded to the nearest } \$0.0001$$

$$\text{PGA Rate (per Ccf sold)} = \text{PGA Rate (per Mcf sold)} \div 10$$

Definitions:

G = The Company's best estimate of the cost of natural gas (per Mcf) to be purchased for resale hereunder during the period that the PGA Rate is to be effective. The cost of natural gas shall include the cost of gas supplies purchased for resale hereunder, upstream transportation charges, storage charges, the cost of gas withdrawn from storage less the cost of gas injected into storage, and any transaction-related fees, gains or losses and other transaction costs associated with the use of various financial instruments used by the Company to stabilize prices.

R = Ratio derived by dividing the actual Mcf purchased for the customers billed hereunder for the twelve months ended the preceding August by the actual Mcf sold to the customers billed hereunder during the same period.

DA = Surcharge or surcredit, calculated on a per Mcf basis, relating to Deferred Purchased Gas Cost Accounts, as defined below.

3. PGA FILINGS

PGA filings shall be filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas (the "Regulatory Authority") by the last business day of the month immediately preceding the month the proposed new PGA factor will be implemented. The PGA filing shall include a calculation of the estimated PGA Rate together with supporting documents. Each such tentative PGA Rate shall become effective for bills rendered on and after the first day of the calendar month and shall continue to be in effect until the next filing, unless after the PGA filing, the Regulatory Authority takes action to disapprove or modify such PGA rate. In the event that the Regulatory Authority takes such action, then the PGA rate shall be in effect on an interim basis pending the final decision of the Regulatory Authority, and any person designated by the Regulatory Authority shall have the right and power to order the filing of any reasonable additional information. Any adjustment to the PGA Rate relating to a prior period shall be made prospectively.

4. DEFERRED PURCHASED GAS COST ACCOUNTS

The Company shall establish and maintain Deferred Gas Cost Account(s) in which shall be recorded: (a) the balance of over or under recoveries of the cost of gas purchased for resale hereunder, determined for the period ending on the last day prior to the effective day of this revised Purchased Gas Adjustment rate schedule, including subsequent corrections and amendments thereto; and (b) any over or under recovery of

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the cost of gas purchased for resale hereunder resulting from the operation of the PGA procedure commencing with the first day of this revised purchased gas cost adjustment. Such ongoing over or under recovery shall include: (a) gas cost revenue recovery amounts for the revenue month; (b) the cost of gas purchased for resale hereunder for the same month as the revenue month; (c) carrying charge or credit amounts calculated based on the arithmetic average of the beginning and ending month balance of under or over recovery for the revenue-cost month times six percent (6%); and (d) carrying charge calculated based on the arithmetic average of the beginning and ending balance of gas in storage inventory for the prior calendar month times the pre-tax rate of return as determined in Docket No. GUD 10038.

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TAX ADJUSTMENT
RATE SCHEDULE NO. TA-10**

The Customers shall reimburse the Company for the Customers' proportionate part of any tax, charge, impost, assessment or fee of whatever kind and by whatever name (except ad valorem taxes and income taxes) levied upon the Company by any governmental authority under any law, rule, regulation, ordinance, or agreement (hereinafter referred to as "the Tax"). If the law, rule, regulation, ordinance, or agreement levying the Tax specifies a method of collection from Customers, then the method so specified shall be utilized provided such method results in the collection of taxes from the Customers equal to the taxes levied on the Company. If no method of collection is specified, then the Company shall collect an amount calculated as a percentage of the Customers' bills applicable directly to those Customers located solely within the jurisdiction imposing the tax and/or within the jurisdiction where the tax is applicable. The percentage shall be determined so that the collection from Customers within the Company's different legal jurisdictions (municipal or otherwise defined) encompassing the South Texas Division is equal to the taxes levied on the Company.

The initial Tax Adjustment Rate shall be based on the Taxes that are levied upon the Company on the effective date of this Rate Schedule. The Company will initiate a new or changed Tax Adjustment Rate beginning with the billing cycle immediately following the effective date of the new or changed Tax as specified by the applicable law, rule, regulation, ordinance, or agreement, provided that the Company has the customer billing data necessary to bill and collect the Tax. If at any time there is a significant change that will cause an unreasonable over or under collection of the Tax, the Company will adjust the Tax Adjustment Rate so that such over or under collection will be minimized. The Tax Adjustment Rate (calculated on a per Ccf or per Mcf basis, as appropriate) shall be reported to the applicable governmental authority by the last business day of the month in which the Tax Adjustment Rate became effective.

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FRANCHISE FEE ADJUSTMENT
RATE SCHEDULE NO. FFA-4**

APPLICATION

Applicable to Customers inside the corporate limits of an incorporated municipality that imposes a municipal franchise fee upon Company for the Gas Service provided to Customer.

MONTHLY ADJUSTMENT

Company will adjust Customer's bill each month in an amount equal to the municipal franchise fees payable for the Gas Service provided to Customer by Company. Municipal franchise fees are determined by each municipality's franchise ordinance. Each municipality's franchise ordinance will specify the percentage and applicability of franchise fees.

RAILROAD COMMISSION REPORTING

CenterPoint shall maintain on file with the Commission a current listing of Cities and applicable franchise fees.

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SCHEDULE OF MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES
RATE SCHEDULE NO. MISC-11**

GAS SERVICE

1.	Institution of service to residential or general service	\$40
	After-hours surcharge for each after-hours service call	\$47
2.	Restore service after termination for non-payment, cut-off by customer or agent or for convenience of customer	\$40
	After-hours surcharge for each after-hours service call	\$47
3.	Turning off service to active meter – account not finalled (per trip)	\$20
	After-hours surcharge for each after-hours service call	\$47
4.	Special meter test at customer's request (see General Rules and Regulations for special situations) – same customer at same location is allowed one test free of charge every four years)	\$15
5.	Change customer meter	\$55
6.	Change residential meter location: Minimum charge	\$350
	Additional meters in manifold each	\$55
	(Plus cost of materials)	
7.	Tap Charge	N.C.*
8.	Installation of remote read device where company cannot get access to read meter	\$180
9.	Disconnect service at main	\$300
	(Plus any costs arising out of any city ordinance or regulation governing work in city streets)	
10.	Restore service at main after termination for non-payment	\$300
	(Plus cost of materials)	
11.	Temporary transfer of individually metered multi-family service from vacating tenant to apartment complex owner. (Applicable to read and transfer transactions only. Precedent written agreement required.)	N.C.

*Except where Company is required to pay tap charge to pipeline supplier to serve the consumer, the consumer shall reimburse Company.

OTHER CHARGES

12.	Collection call - trip charge (not collected under miscellaneous service item no. 3 - Turning off service to active meter)	\$20
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13. Returned check \$20

DEPOSITS

Up to the maximum amount allowed under the Railroad Commission of Texas Quality of Service Rule §7.45(5)(C)(ii) (the "one-sixth rule"). If there is no billing history on the customer's account, then the one-sixth rule will be applied to the customer's account based on similarly-situated customers located in the geographic area.

TAX ADJUSTMENT

The Tax Adjustment will be calculated and adjusted periodically as defined in the Company's Tax Adjustment Rate Schedule and Franchise Fee Adjustment Rate Schedule.